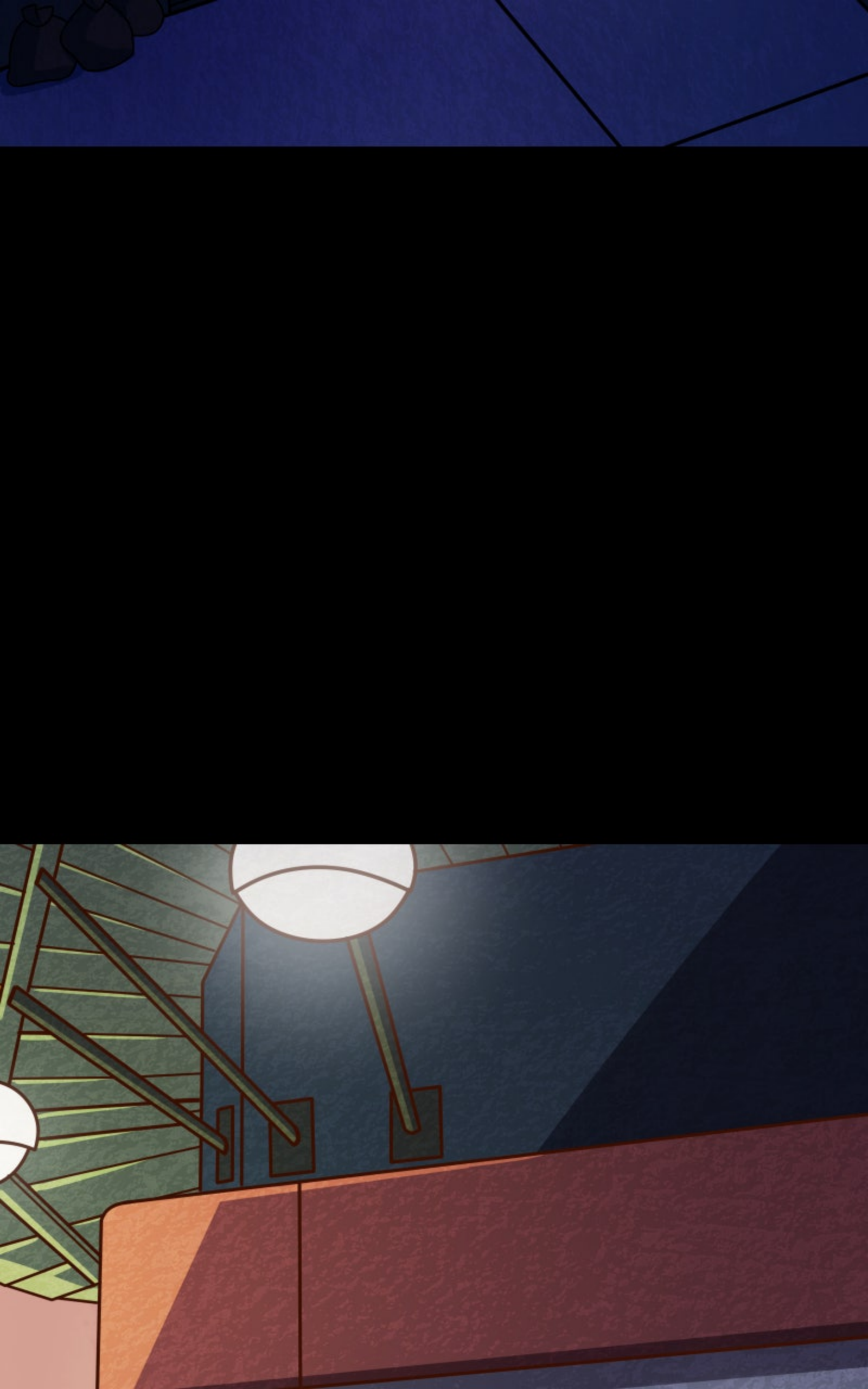
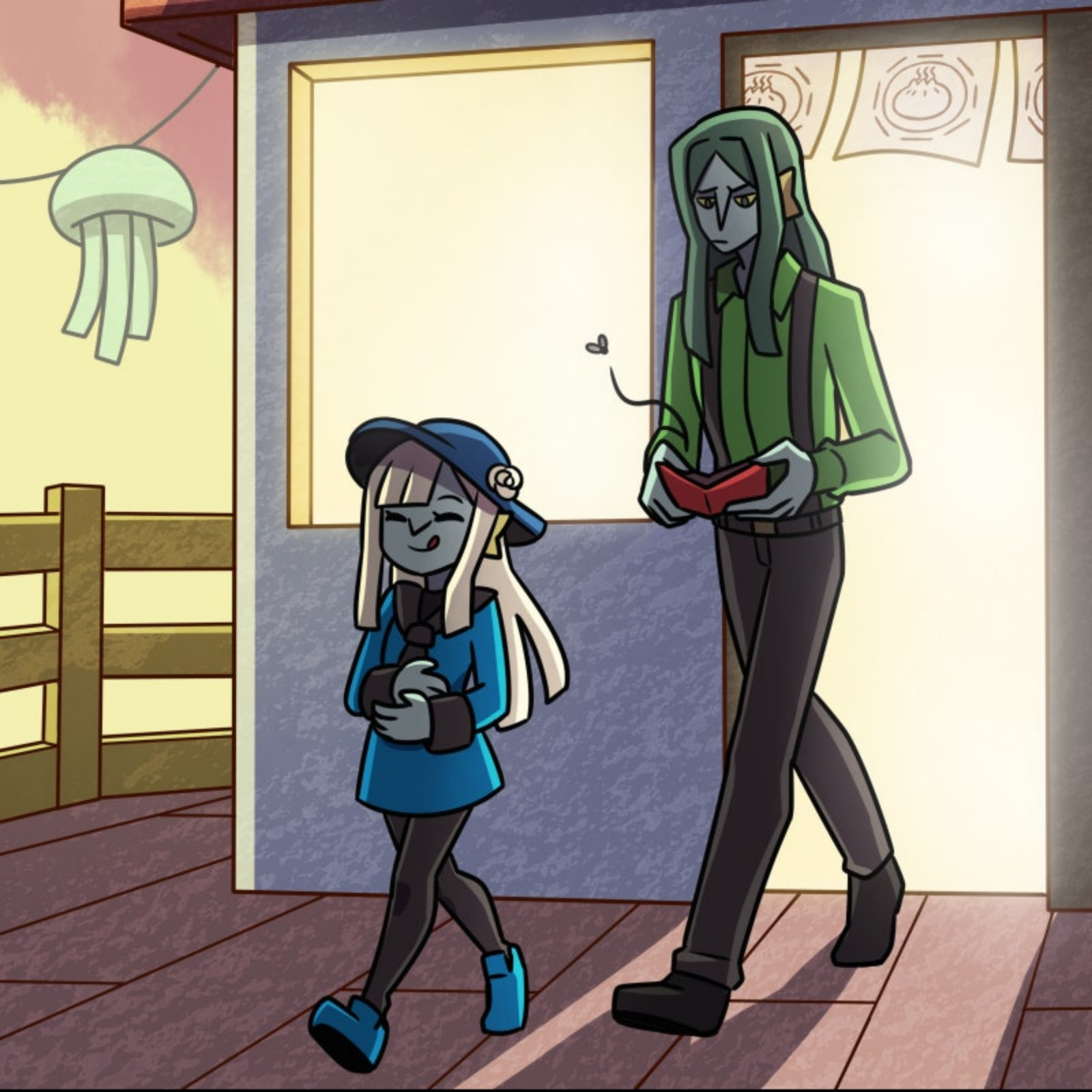
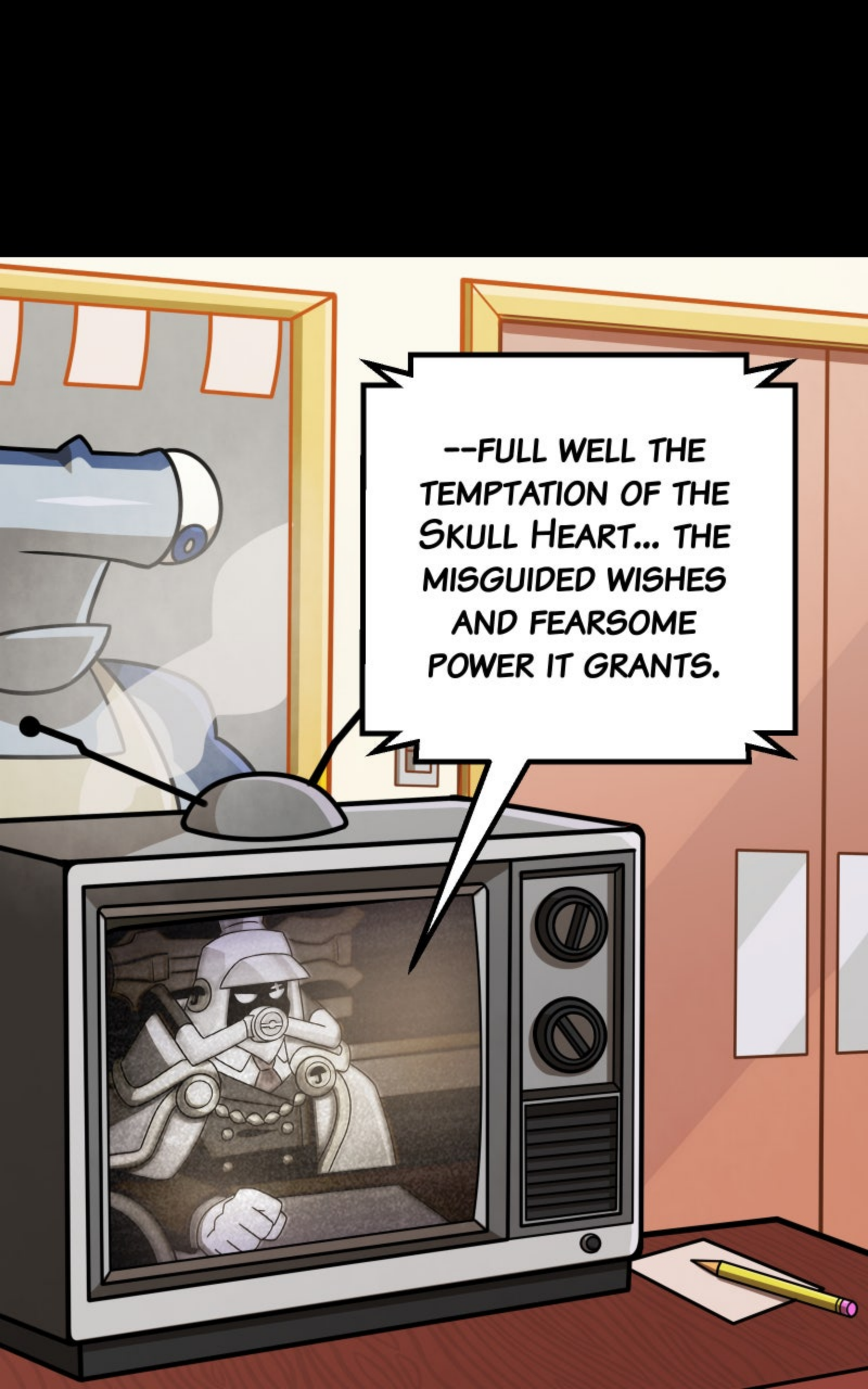






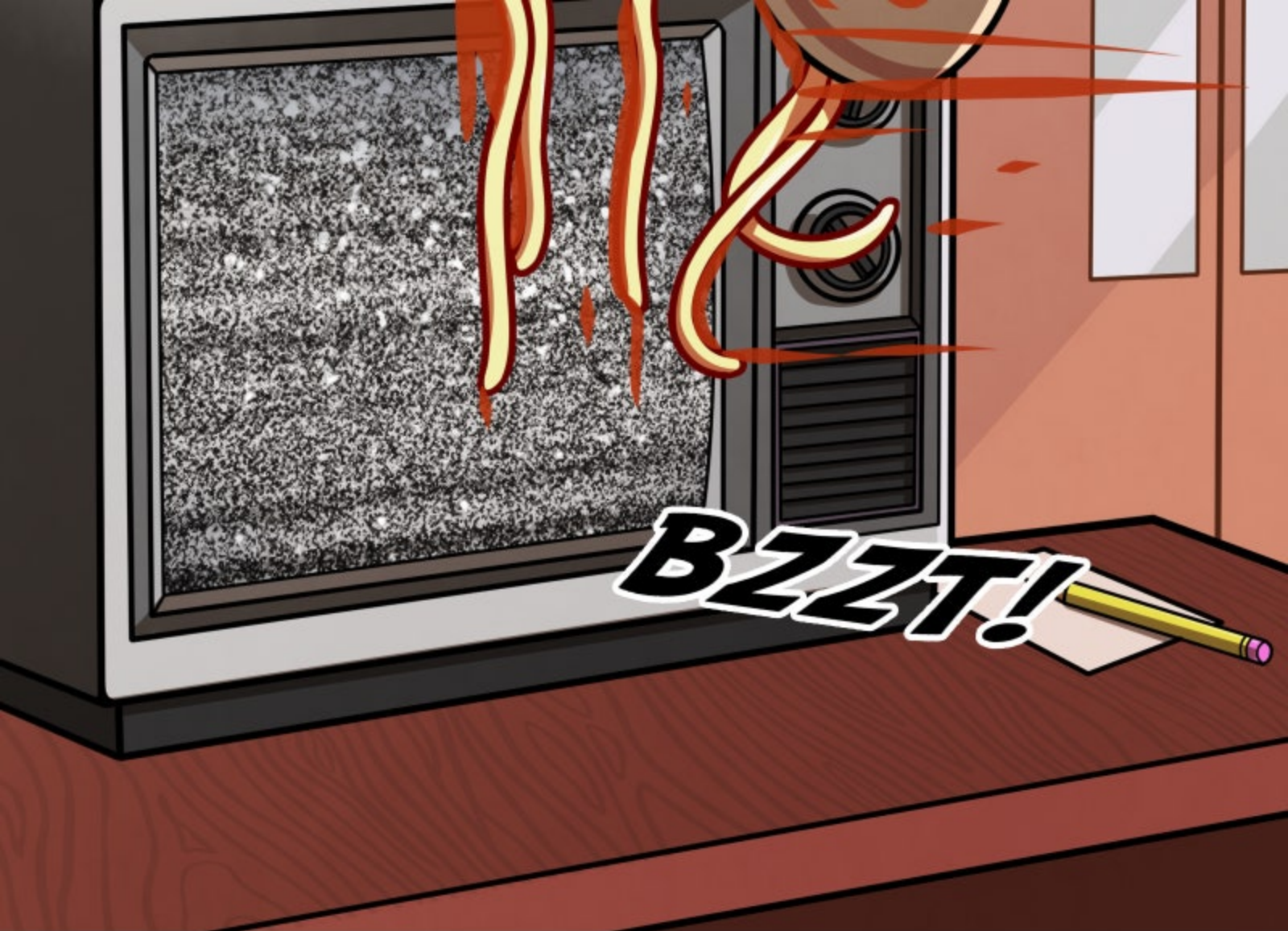






--FULL WELL THE
TEMPTATION OF THE
SKULL HEART... THE
MISGUIDED WISHES
AND FEARSOME
POWER IT GRANTS.





NICE
SHOT!

SHOT.

HAHAHA

IF I HAVE TO LISTEN
TO THAT BLOWHARD'S
SPEECH ONE MORE TIME
I'M GOING TO SHOOT
SOMEBODY.



HAHAHA
HAHAHA

OH!





UM... EXCUSE
ME A MOMENT.

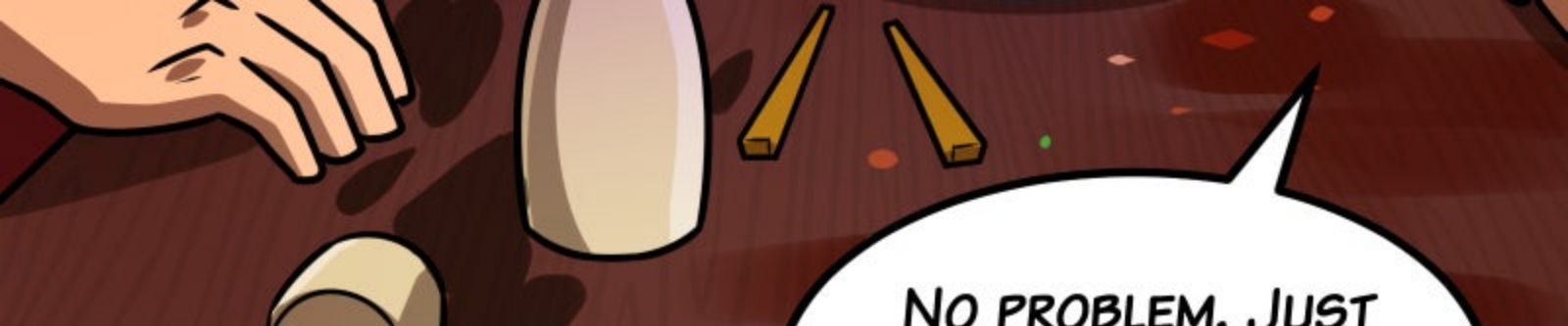
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HA
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GENTLEMEN, IS
THERE SOME KIND
OF PROBLEM?

GENTLEMEN,
SHE SAYS.
I LIKE THAT.



NO PROBLEM. JUST
EXERCISING OUR
RIGHT TO PROTEST.



OKAY, WELL IF YOU CAN'T
CALM DOWN I'LL HAVE TO GET
THE MANAGER, AND YOU'RE
GOING TO NEED TO PAY FOR
THE DAMAGE YOU CAUSED.

IS THAT SO?
YOU KNOW WHO
YOU'RE TALKING
TO, GIRLIE?



WE JUST SO
HAPPEN TO BE
REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE MEDICI
FAMILY.

I know

I... I DON'T
WANT ANY
TROUBLE.

HEY NOW,
NEITHER DO WE. WHY
DON'T YOU JOIN US
FOR A DRINK?



LOOKS LIKE SHE'LL
BE JOINING US FOR MORE
THAN THAT, LAWRENCE.
THIS LITTLE ONE'S ON
OUR MENU.

EVEN
BETTER.





nette
n: Waitress
little In

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?
LET ME GO!





SORRY, BUT
WHAT MR. MEDICI
WANTS, HE GETS.

AND THERE'S
NOTHING YOU CAN
DO ABOUT IT.





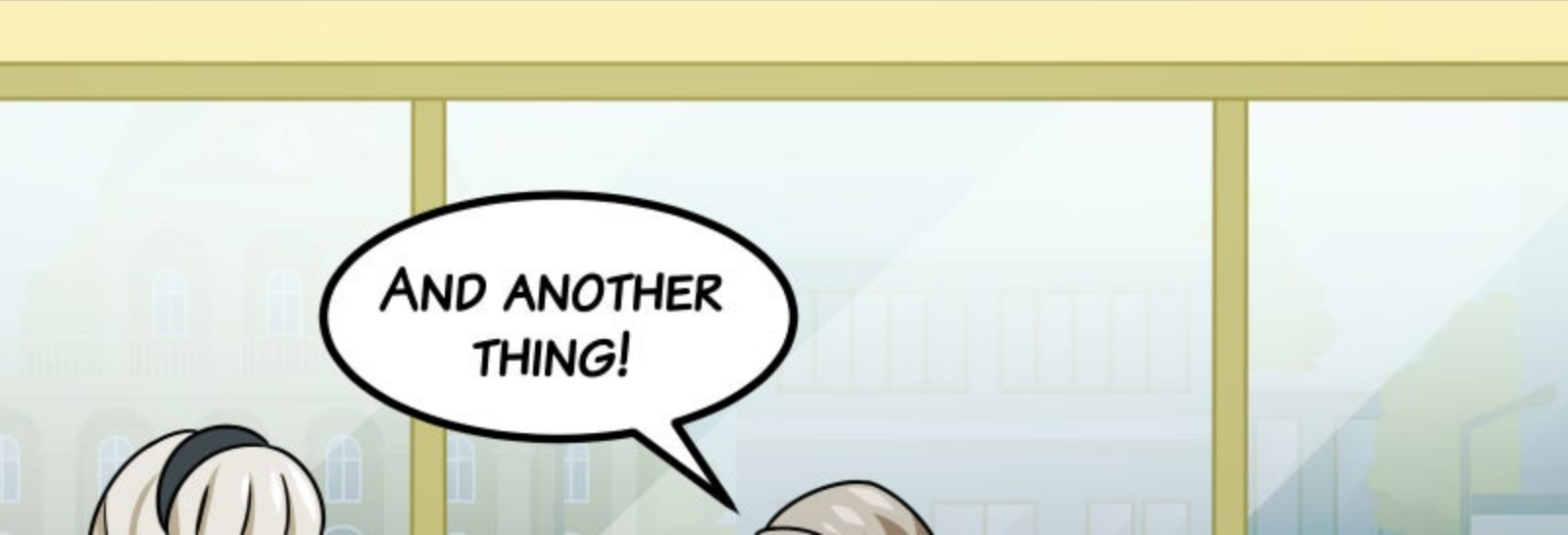
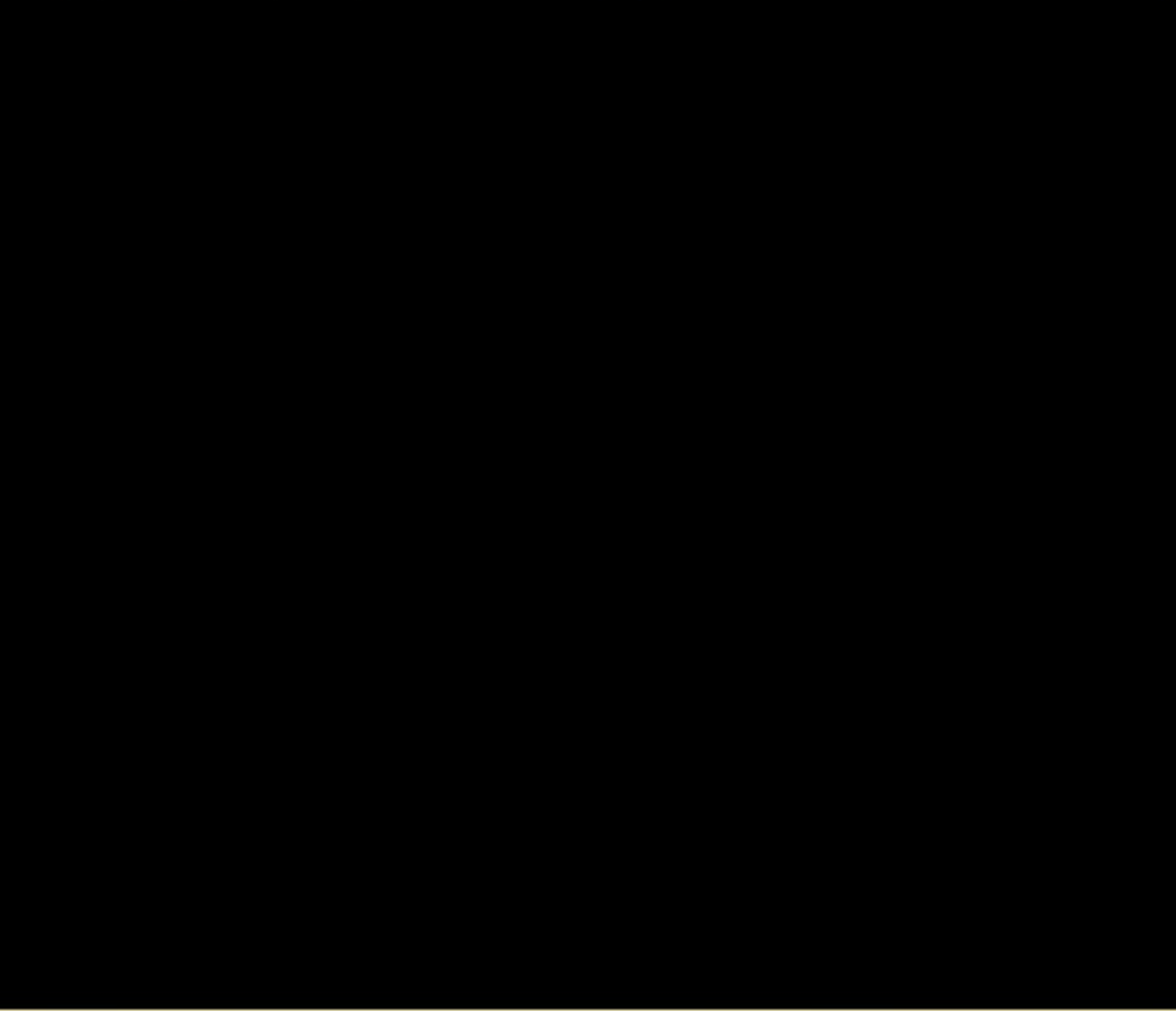
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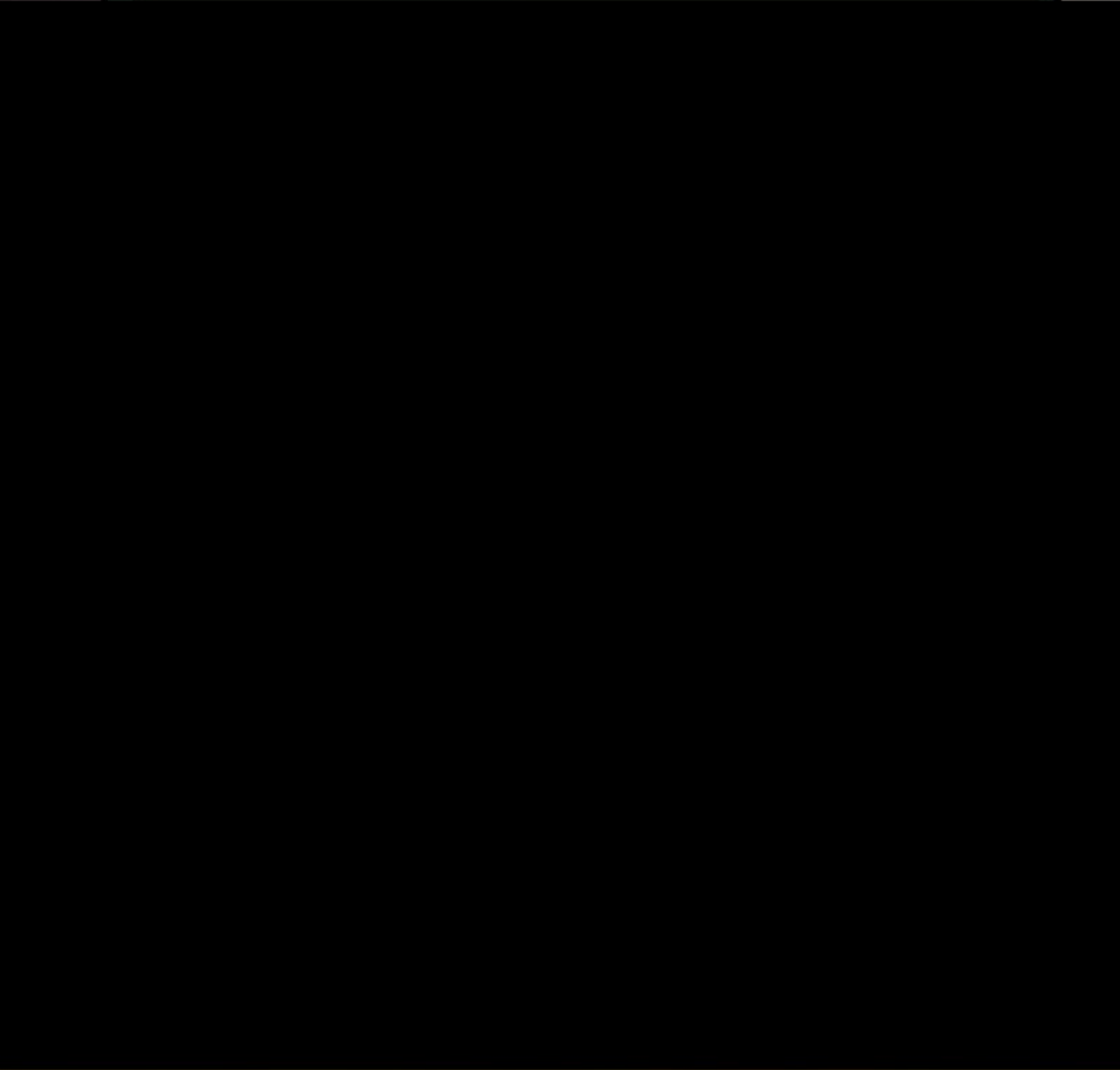
HERE'S YOUR
MADMAN'S
SPECIAL WITH
EXTRA NUTS.

FINALLY! I DON'T
WANT TO TELL YOU HOW TO
DO YOUR JOB, BUT YOU
SHOULDN'T LEAVE PAYING
CUSTOMERS WAITING SO
LONG. IT'S CERTAINLY NOT
CONDUCTIVE TO REPEAT
BUSINESS.

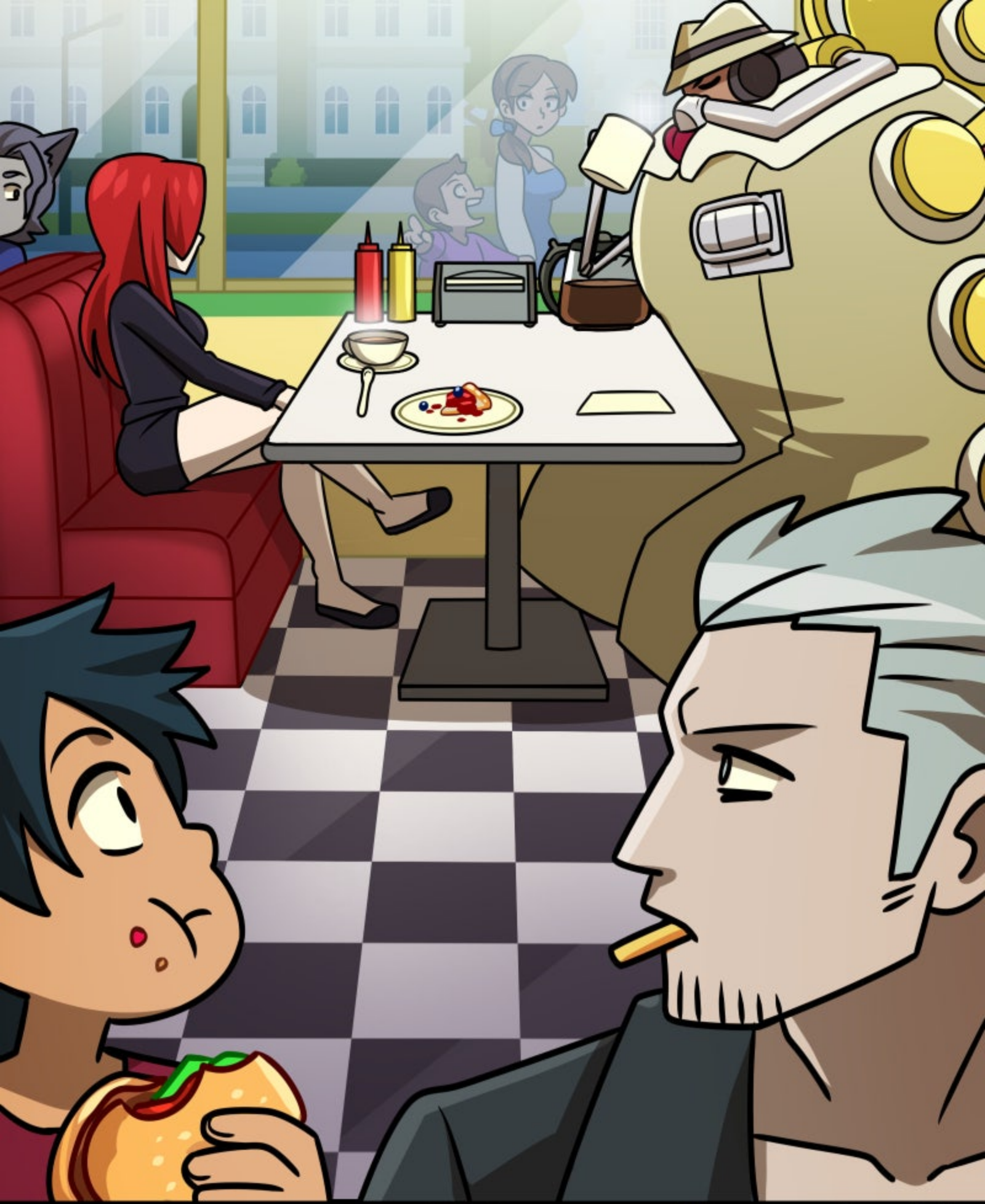




OH BOY.



~STAAAAARE~





**TAKE A PICTURE,
WHY DON'T YOU!?**

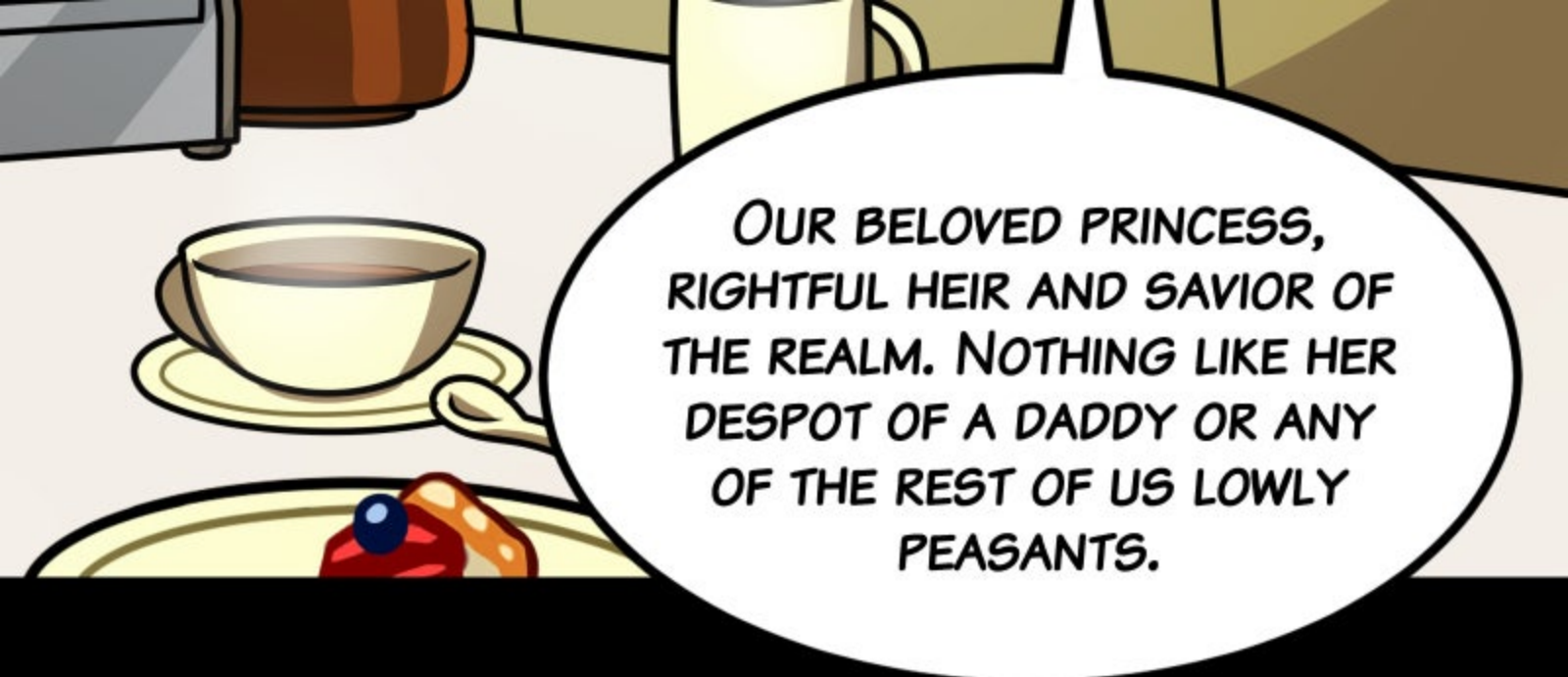


I DON'T THINK
IT'S YOU THEY'RE
STARING AT, BIG
BAND.



RIGHT, I FORGOT
I'M SITTING WITH
ROYALTY. GENUFLECT,
SHOW SOME RESPECT,
DOWN ON ONE KNEE
AND ALL THAT JAZZ.





OUR BELOVED PRINCESS,
RIGHTFUL HEIR AND SAVIOR OF
THE REALM. NOTHING LIKE HER
DESPOT OF A DADDY OR ANY
OF THE REST OF US LOWLY
PEASANTS.



YOU DON'T
HAPPEN TO HAVE A
TINY VIOLIN UNDER
THERE? I COULD PLAY
IT FOR YOU.



JUST
SPEAKING MY
MIND, THAT'S
ALL.

BUT YES.

A comic panel showing three characters in a cafe. On the left, a woman with brown hair, glasses, and a headset sits in a red booth. In the center, a woman with long red hair and a black top with a white cross sits at a table, looking thoughtful. On the right, a man with a large brown hat and a beard is partially visible. A speech bubble from the man contains the text.

IF YOU'D LIKE
TO TALK, BY ALL
MEANS, LET'S
CONTINUE CHATTING
ABOUT LAB 0.



WELL! THAT'S MY CUE!

BETTER GET THIS MENU TO
PANZERFAUST SO HE CAN
ORDER BEFORE HE
DECLARES WAR ON US!



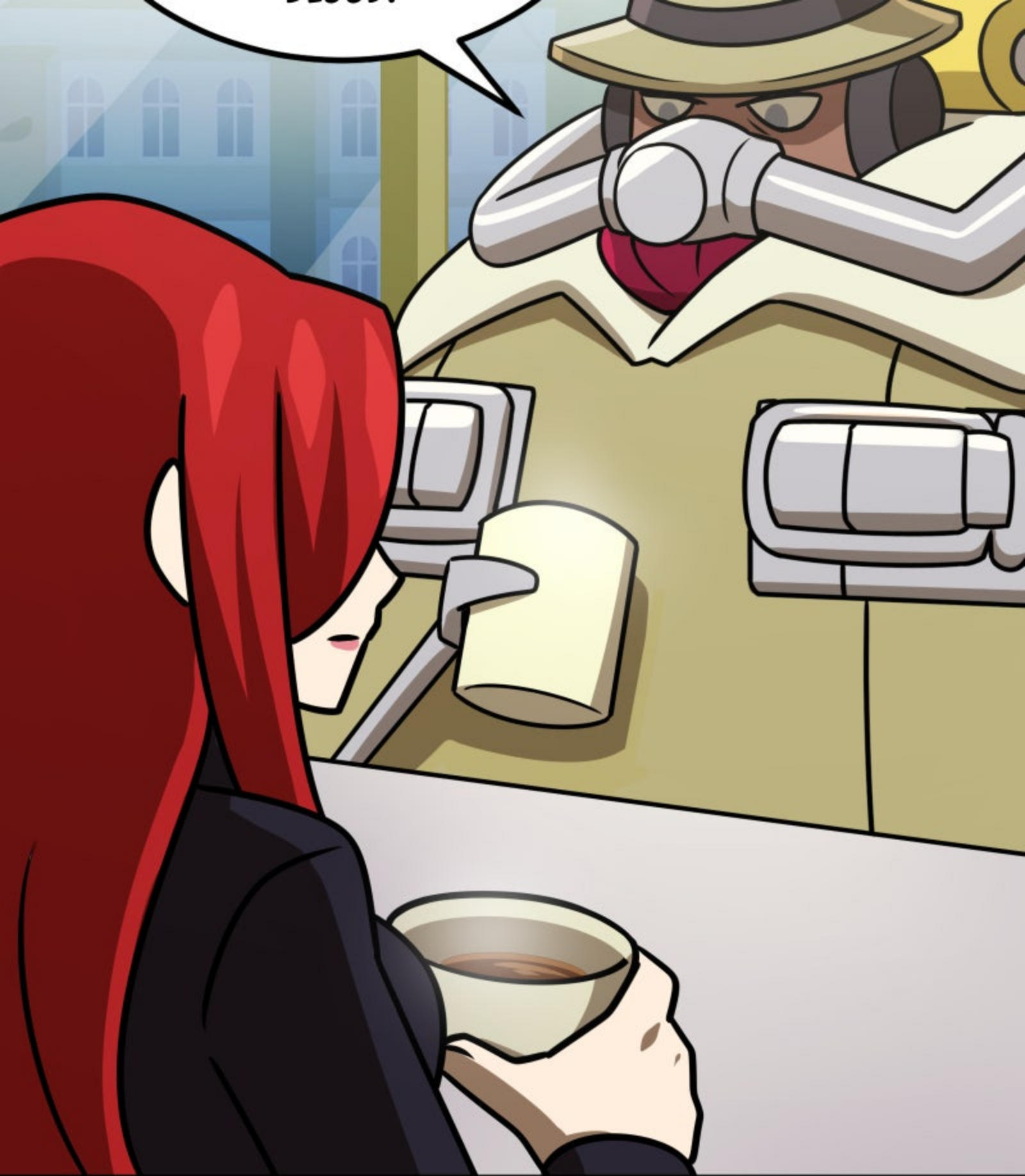
ALL RIGHT, LOOK, I DON'T
HAVE A LOT OF DETAILS, BUT
I'M GOOD WITH SOUNDS,
OKAY? EVEN WHEN PEOPLE
ARE WHISPERING TO ME IT'S
AS CLEAR AS A BELL.





I'VE OVERHEARD
DR. AVIAN TALKING A TIME
OR TWO, AND THE THINGS
HE MENTIONED... THEY'RE
WORKING ON THE STUFF OF
NIGHTMARES. THE KIND
THAT'D CURDLE YOUR
BLOOD.

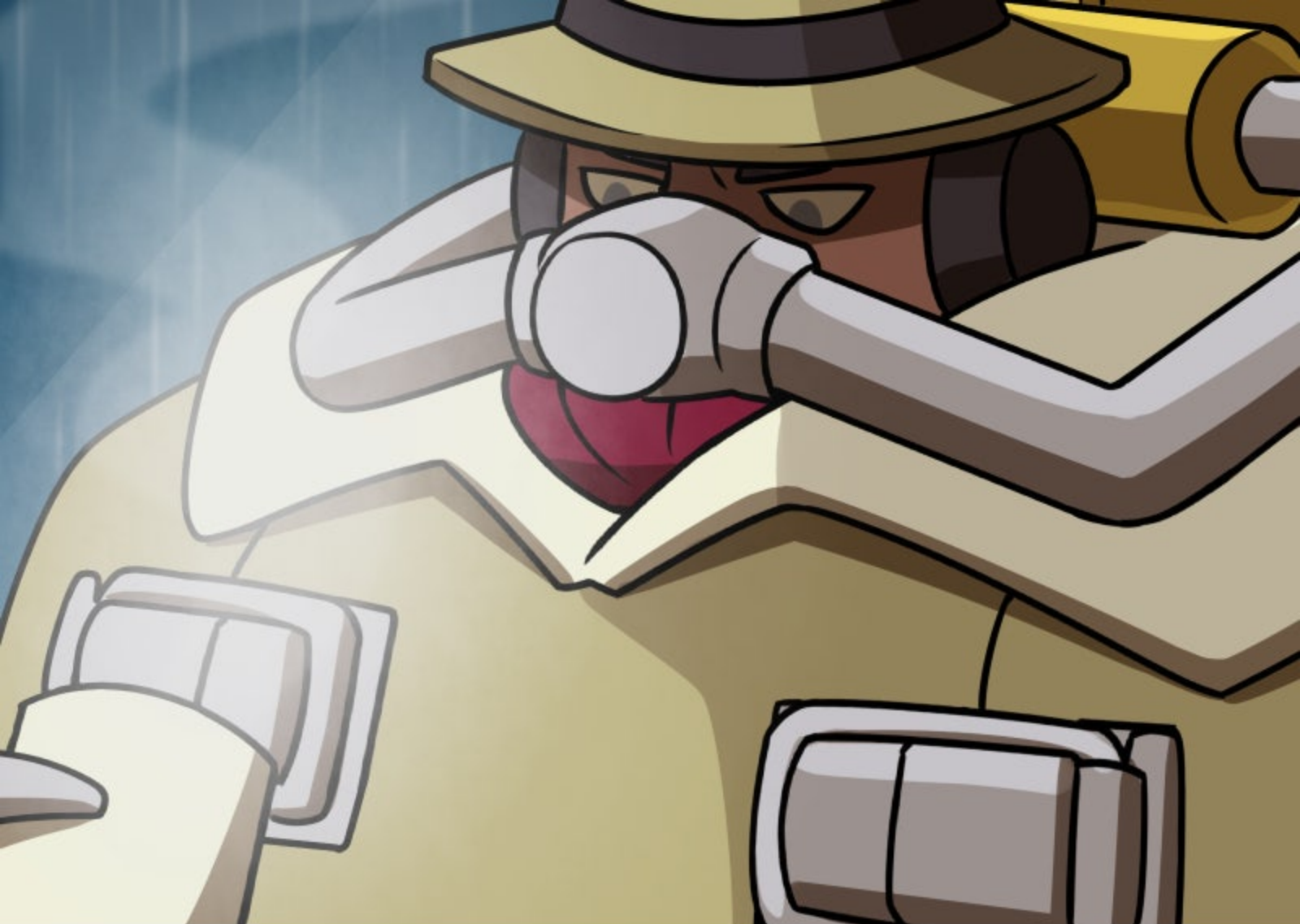




A comic book panel with a dark blue background featuring faint, stylized vertical lines. Two white speech bubbles are present. The first speech bubble is larger and contains a paragraph of text. The second speech bubble is smaller and contains a shorter line of text. In the bottom right corner, the top of a character's head is visible, wearing a tan-colored cap with a brown band. The character has blonde hair.

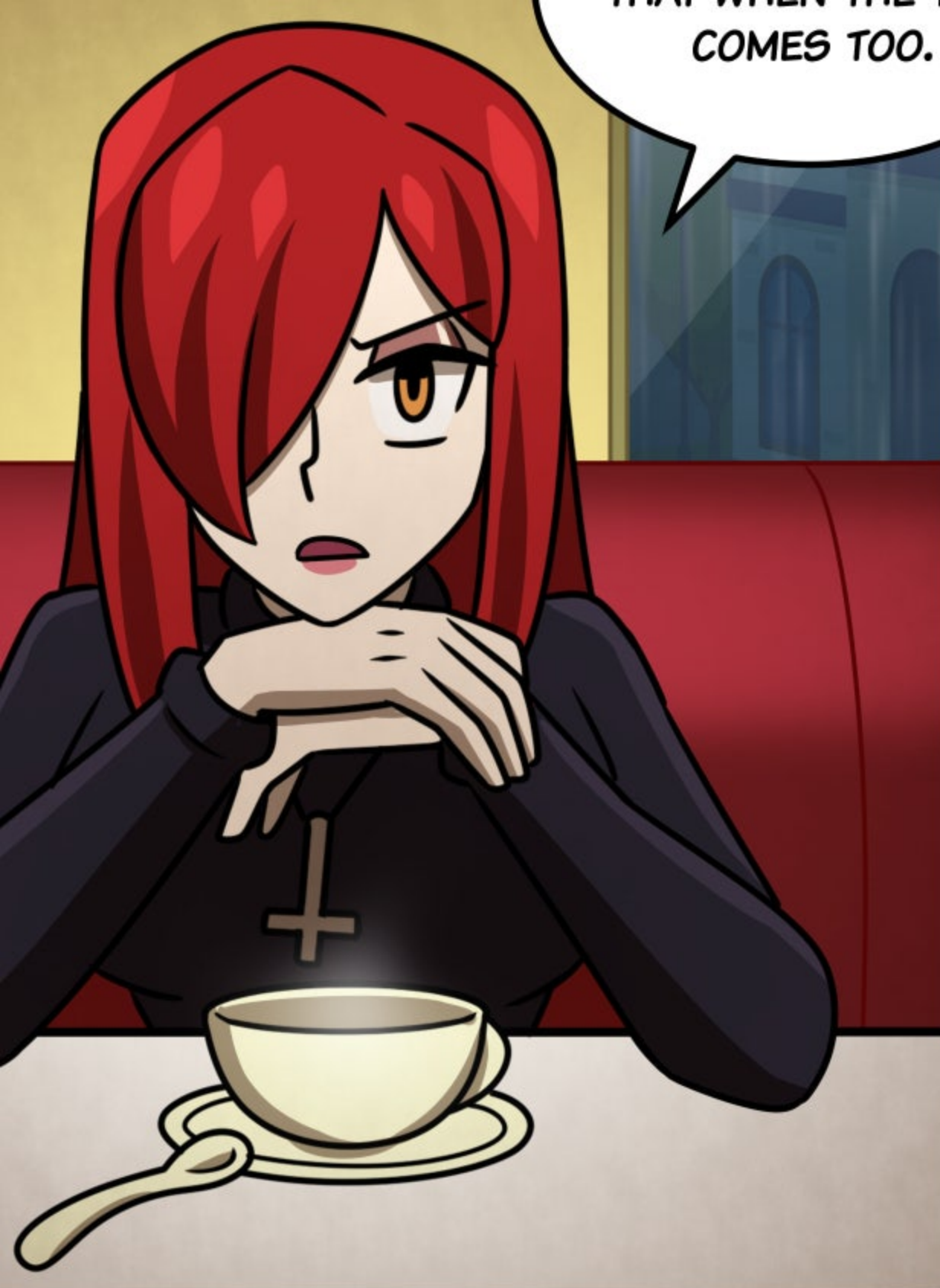
THAT LAB WAS UNDERGROUND
BEFORE THE ORDER CAME TO SHUT
DOWN THE ASG PROGRAM, AND IT'S
ONLY GONE DEEPER SINCE. IF YOU
WANT A WEAPON TO TAKE OUT THE
SKULLGIRL, CHANCES ARE YOU'LL
FIND IT THERE.

ONLY PROBLEM
IS, YOU MIGHT BE
UNLEASHING
SOMETHING WORSE.



THEN I'LL DEAL WITH
THAT WHEN THE TIME

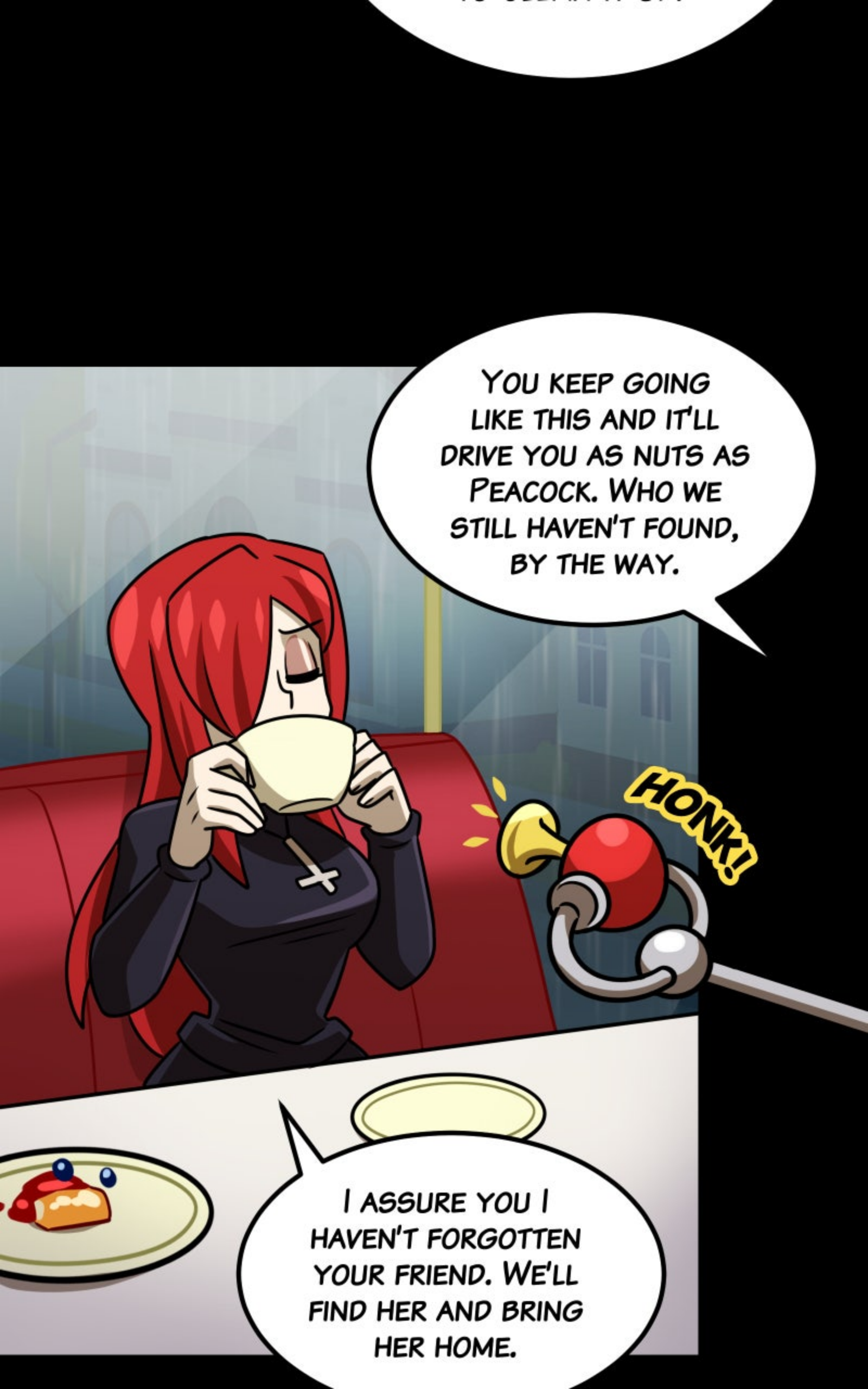
THAT WHEN THE TIME
COMES TOO.





YEAH, THAT'S YOUR
SHTICK. PARASOUL TO THE
RESCUE, CHARGING IN LIKE
THE CAVALRY TO FIX THE
WHOLE WORLD.

I KNOW YOU'RE DOING
IT FOR WHAT YOU THINK IS
A GOOD REASON, BUT
YOU'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE
FOR WHAT YOUR PARENTS
DID. THEY MADE THAT
MESS, IT'S NOT YOUR JOB
TO CLEAN IT UP.



YOU KEEP GOING
LIKE THIS AND IT'LL
DRIVE YOU AS NUTS AS
PEACOCK. WHO WE
STILL HAVEN'T FOUND,
BY THE WAY.

HONK!

I ASSURE YOU I
HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN
YOUR FRIEND. WE'LL
FIND HER AND BRING
HER HOME.

AND I'LL CONSIDER
WHAT YOU'VE SAID. BUT
FOR NOW WE RETURN TO
LAB 8 TO COLLECT WHAT WE
NEED TO FIND THE
SKULLGIRL, THEN VISIT THIS
LAB 0 FOR WHAT WE NEED
TO DEFEAT HER.





SURE, WHAT COULD
GO WRONG? JUST
WALTZ IN AND BELT OUT
SOME ROYAL DECREES!
THEY'LL LOVE THAT.



I'M SURE
YOU'LL BE A
BIG HIT.





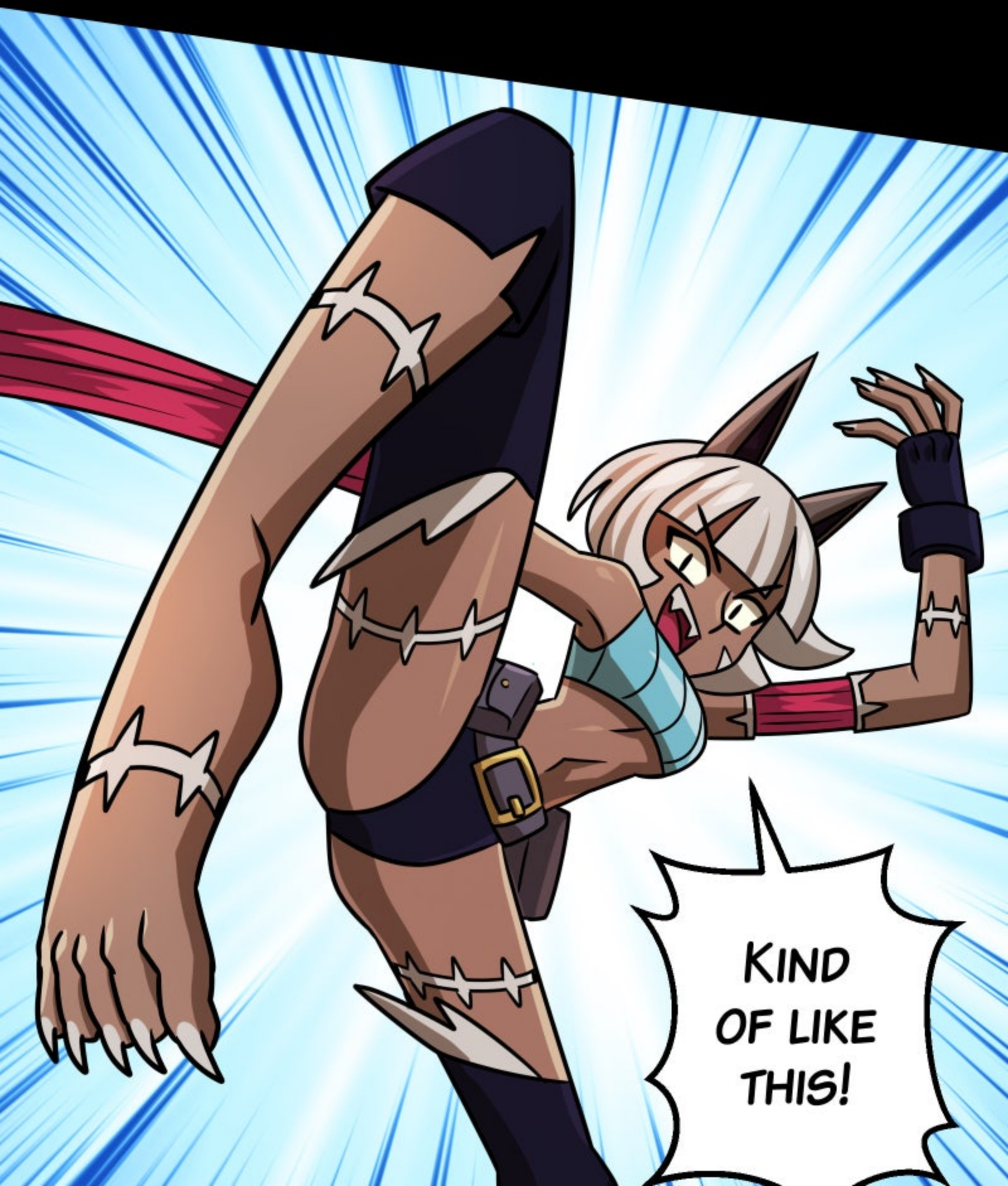
I'M NOT NORMALLY
ONE TO LEND A HAND,
BUT IN THIS CASE I'M
WILLING TO MAKE AN
EXCEPTION.





DON'T KNOW
HOW YOU DID
THAT, BUT--





KIND
OF LIKE
THIS!



NOW YOU CATS HAD BETTER
SCAT, OR I'LL STOP REMOVING
MY BODY PARTS AND START
REMOVING YOURS INSTEAD.





AND BELIEVE ME,
WHAT I DETACH
FROM YOU WON'T

EVER COME BACK.





C'MON, GO!
LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE!

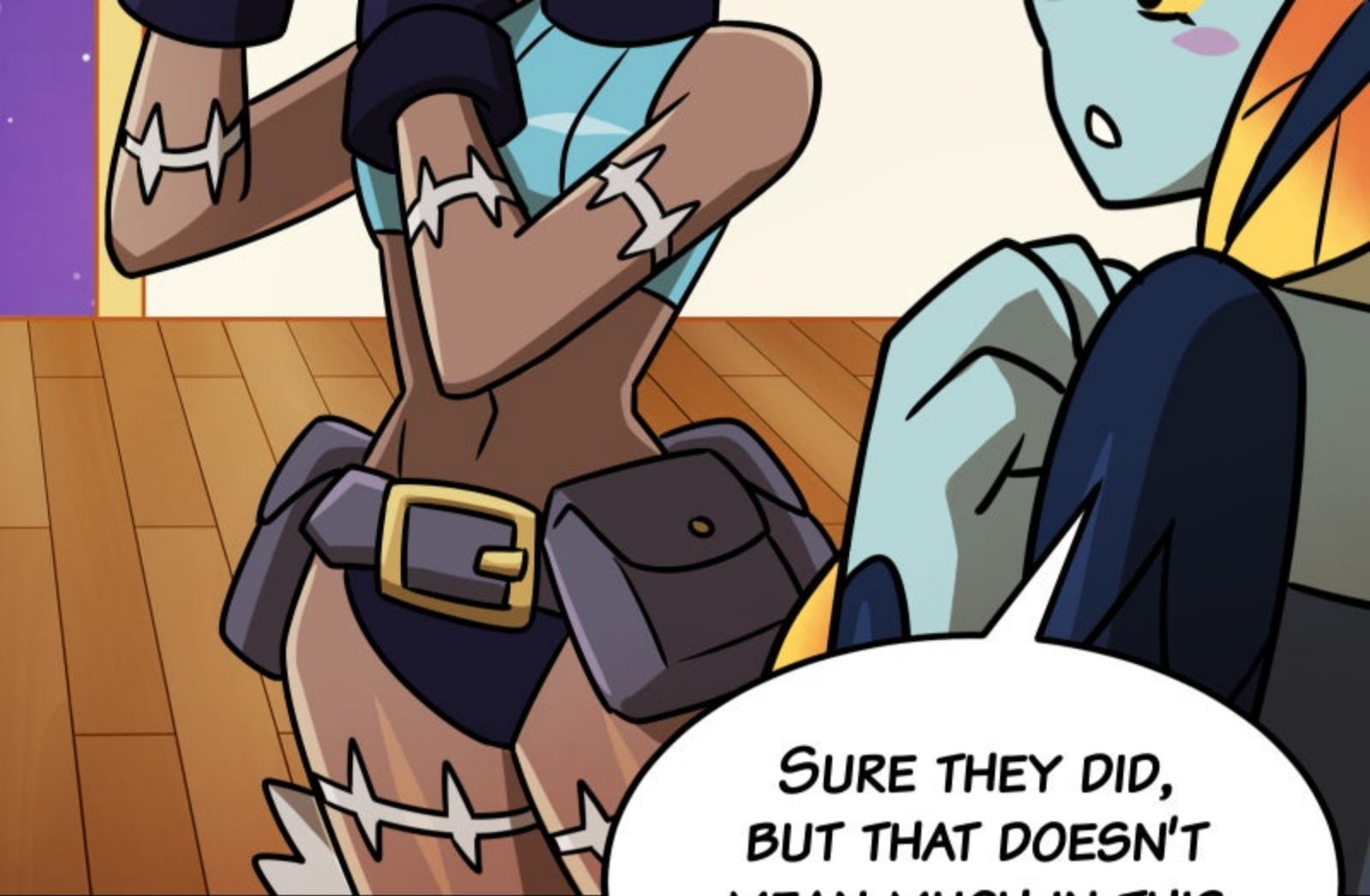
I'M... I'M TRYING!





DON'T SWEAT
IT. THEY HAD
IT COMING.





SURE THEY DID,
BUT THAT DOESN'T
MEAN MUCH IN THIS
PART OF TOWN.





THE MEDICI RUN
ROUGHSHOD OVER
LITTLE INNSMOUTH,
TAKING PROTECTION
MONEY FROM EVERYONE
ON THE WHARF AND
THREATENING ANYBODY
WHO REFUSES.



I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM
RUN SCARED LIKE THAT.
TOO BAD THERE'S NO
WAY TO KEEP THEM OUT
FOR GOOD.





MAYBE
THERE IS.



KING FRANZ SAID
THAT SKULL HEART
THING CAN GRANT
WISHES, RIGHT?



MAYBE IT CAN
GIVE ME POWER LIKE
THAT NUTTY GEM DID.
ENOUGH TO WISH MY
FRIENDS BACK TO LIFE
AND MAKE THEM
STRONG LIKE ME!





WAIT!
WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?

TO FIND THE
SKULLGIRL, OF
COURSE...



AND GET BACK
EVERYTHING
THEY'VE TAKEN
FROM ME.





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